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1. ALL OF THE CHILEAN NATIONALS WHO WERE ARRESTED BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES IN LATE JULY 1972 FOR SUBVERSIVE AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WERE CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS). ALTHOUGH THE CURRENT PS MEMBERS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY THE DAY BEFORE THEIR ARREST AND INITIAL EFFORTS WERE MADE TO DENY THEIR PS AFFILIATION, THIS TACTIC BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO

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SUSTAIN. PS POLICY AT THE PRESENT TIME IS TO AVOID FURTHER COMMENT ON THE AFFAIR.

2. THE ARRESTED PS MEMBERS REPRESENTED THREE FACTIONS OF THE PARTY, I.E., THE FOLLOWERS OF ACROS ALTAMIRANO, PS SECRETARY GENERAL; THE TROTSKYIST FACTION, WHICH IS LED BY ADONIS SEPULVEDA; AND THE ARMY OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (ELN) FACTION, WHICH IS LED BY ROLANDO CALDERON. FOR EXAMPLE, ARTURO HOFFMAN, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE EXTREMIST BAND, IS REGARDED WITHIN THE PARTY AS A TROTSKYIST AND AS HAVING ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PS CENTRAL COMMITTEE. CARLOS SANMARTIN MADRAGA, PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO ESPANOL, WAS A FOLLOWER OF ALTAMIRANO. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ARRESTED EXTREMISTS WERE MEMBERS OF A PS SELF-DEFENSE APPARATUS.)

3. COMMENT: THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF ALTAMIRANO, SEPULVEDA AND CALDERON IS NOT KNOWN, BUT IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE INDIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE EXTREMISTS AND POSSIBLY GENERALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS. THE FOREGOING THREE LEADERS ARE KNOWN TO DISAPPROVE OF THE "PEACEFUL ROUTE"

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CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E TO IMPLEMENT SOCIALISM IN CHILE, AND THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, CONSISTENTLY ENCOURAGED ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SPEED UP THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS.)

4. MOST PS MEMBERS WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY AWARE OF THE PLANS AND INTENTIONS OF THE EXTREMIST, BUT IN GENERAL THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE INVOLVED THE NECESSITY TO CREATE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AND POLITICAL CONFRONTATION, ALL OF WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN BLAMED ON THE OPPOSITION AND UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE, IN ORDER TO CONDITION THE CHILEAN PEOPLE. THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE, WHICH AGAIN WAS TO HAVE BEEN BLAMED ON THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION, IS BELIEVED BY MANY PS MEMBERS TO HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EXTREMISTS PLANS. ALLENDE'S ASSASSINATION WOULD NOT ONLY REMOVE WHAT THE EXTREMISTS CONSIDER TO BE AN "OBSTRUCTION" TO THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN CHILE, BUT IT WOULD HAVE HAD A MAJOR IMPACT IN SERVING THE EXTREMIST OBJECTIVE OR AROUSING THE MASSES TO THE SUPPORT OF THE REVOLUTION.

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